

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA  
Montana Sixteenth Judicial District Court, County of Custer

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	CAUSE NO. DC-18-004
	)	
	)	DECISION
EDWARD KAUFMAN,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On October 29, 2018, Defendant was sentenced to the Montana State Prison for ten (10) years, with four (4) years suspended. The Court recommended Defendant receive a mental health evaluation and participate in a criminal thinking errors program. Defendant was granted credit for time served of 253 days. Defendant was assessed public defender's fees of \$2,109.

On February 21, 2019, Defendant's Application for review of that sentence was heard by the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). Defendant was present and was represented by Brent Getty of the Office of the State Public Defender. The State was not represented.

Before hearing the Application, Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is **AFFIRMED**.

Done in open Court this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Brenda Gilbert, Chairperson



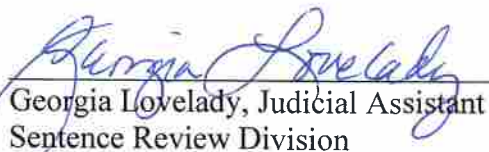
Hon. Dan Wilson, Member



Hon. Luke Berger, Member

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